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# THINK FOOD

## School Nutrition Programs

### March 2007

#### IN THE NEWS



Carol Simanton, Foodservice Manager at Whitewater School in Whitewater, Montana, was featured in the January 2007 issue of **School Foodservice and Nutrition**. The magazine is the official publication of the School Nutrition Association (SNA). Carol has made an outstanding contribution to school nutrition through her position with Whitewater School and as the President of the Montana School Nutrition Association. Carol has served as the President of the Montana School Nutrition Association for two years and has been the Head Cook at Whitewater since 1996. Keep up the good work Carol!

#### PEACH CUP COMPLAINTS

We have received a few complaints on the Peach Cups that were shipped before the winter break. When the USDA responded to our



complaint the shipment had not reached all schools. The USDA suggested that we let them know after everyone had ample time to try the product so they could determine what, if anything should be done.

If you received peach cups in December or January and you had a problem with them, please call (406) 444-4415 or email [juwilson@mt.gov](mailto:juwilson@mt.gov) with your complaint and the number of cases involved. If you did not have a problem there is no need to respond.

#### ABC COMMITTEE SPRING MEETINGS PLANNED

The Spring ABC Committee meetings will be held February 28 in Great Falls, March 1 in Missoula and March 6 in Miles City. If you have a topic that you would like on the agenda, contact any committee member. Agenda items need to be received at the Office of Public Instruction, School Nutrition Programs by February 15, 2007.

*"It is the mission of the Office of Public Instruction to improve teaching and learning through communication, collaboration, advocacy, and accountability to those we serve."*

Fax agenda items to (406) 444-2955  
or email [bpeppers@mt.gov](mailto:bpeppers@mt.gov).

### DELIVERY POLICY REMINDER

Commodity deliveries are made from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are no deliveries scheduled during winter break (typically December 20 through January 2) or during Spring break.



A representative of the school food authority **must sign** the bill of lading. Once the bill of lading is signed, the school food authority is responsible for the food.

We have had some complaints that drivers have arrived later than their scheduled delivery time. Commodity cancellations have caused the trucking company to combine loads so drivers have to drive further and make more stops. Also, Montana weather can change quickly creating hazardous roads/driving conditions and cause schedules to change. The drivers cannot always take time to contact schools when there is a change in their arrival time.

Watkins and Shepard Trucking Co. have been contacted about these issues.

### HAVE YOU JOINED MONTANA LUNCHLINE?

What is Montana Lunchline? It's a great source of recipes and ideas from other food service managers across the state. Got a question or concern that you need help addressing in your cafeteria? Lunchline is a great way to find out how other schools deal with the same situation. The Office of Public Instruction also provides School Nutrition Program/Food Distribution updates on Lunchline.

How do you join? It's easy; all you need is an email address. To get started contact Katie Bark at (406) 994-5641 or by email at [kbark@mt.gov](mailto:kbark@mt.gov).

### COMMODITY ORDER DEADLINE COMING UP!



The deadline for ordering commodities is **February 28, 2007**. Your order must be in the Office of Public Instruction/Food Distribution office by that date.

Don't delay! Get your orders in today.

All cheese orders must be placed in ECOS by March 1, 2007.

